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S.B. No. 1963

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a transferability report card for certain public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.96854 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.96854. TRANSFERABILITY REPORT CARD. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "General academic teaching institution" and "public state college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Not later than March 1 of each year, a general academic teaching institution other than a public state college shall post on the institution's Internet website a transferability report card that indicates for the preceding academic year:

(1) the total number of semester credit hours or the equivalent for which undergraduate students transferring to the institution applied for transfer credit; and

(2) the percentage of the semester credit hours or the equivalent described by Subdivision (1) for which students received transfer credit.

(c) The coordinating board, in consultation with general

1 academic teaching institutions to which Subsection (b) applies,
2 shall develop a model transferability report card for use under
3 Subsection (b).

4 (d) Not later than April 1 of each year, the coordinating
5 board shall post on the coordinating board's Internet website a
6 list stating the transferability percentage described by
7 Subsection (b)(2) of each general academic teaching institution
8 other than a public state college.

9 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
10 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
11 develop the model transferability report card required under
12 Section 51.96854(c), Education Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than March 1, 2023, each public
14 institution of higher education to which Section 51.96854(b),
15 Education Code, as added by this Act, applies shall post on the
16 institution's Internet website the initial transferability report
17 card required under that subsection.

18 (b) Not later than April 1, 2023, the Texas Higher Education
19 Coordinating Board shall post on the board's Internet website the
20 initial list required under Section 51.96854(d), Education Code, as
21 added by this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.